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This letter is being sent regarding RM-9208. While supporting the belief wholeheartedly that Low Power FM broadcasting needs to be implemented, I have some concerns regarding RM-9208.

- 1) I do not believe that 1 watt of power is adequate to fulfil the goals underlying the formation of LPFM. I would suggest that LPFM stations be allowed to operate with up to 50 watts of power, but would also allow that all transmission equipment would need to be "type accepted". I would suggest that LPFM equipment if "homemade" could be certified as "type accepted" by an inspection process carried out by locally certified engineers (i.e. amateur radio operators, local RF engineers, etc.)
- 2) The idea of limiting LPFM to one AM and one FM channel I do not believe serves the public interest. LPFM stations should basically be made available where they could be "fit in" based on operating power.

While I am certain that the Commission has many concerns regarding the challenge of LPFM, it is important that the listening public have the opportunity to listen to as wide a variety of programming as possible. The proper introduction of a LPFM service would make this a reality.

Respectfully,



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